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**Placing children's rights
at the heart of our Trust**

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Latest News

We do hope that you enjoyed the Easter break and the opportunity to have some valuable family time.

Before the Easter break, staff received updated Safeguarding training which includes child protection. Safeguarding children is the most important thing we do and remains a priority at all times.

March proved a very busy month in school. Towards the beginning, a Review was undertaken by the CEO of the Fierté MAT the outcomes of which have been shared separately with parents and carers. We have a further Review taking place early in May which will be carried out by the three Headteachers of the other schools within the Trust along with an external consultant who moderates the process. Each school within the Trust goes through this process annually and we are looking forward to showcasing our strengths as well as getting some pointers on areas of focus for the future. Our focused priorities for this term are to:

- *Upskill all staff in creating and adapting mathematics planning to meet the needs of pupils within their classes through adopting the STAR approach and implementing 'Arithmetic Friday' across the school.*
- *Ensure that marking and feedback is consistently developmental across the school.*
- *Ensure that responsiveness is more embedded within lessons linked to pace and modelling.*
- *Maximise the use of support staff in learning so they are actively engaged with pupils in all parts of the lesson.*

Also in March, we took part in National Science and Engineering Week with lots taking place in and outside of the school. Those children who went to Glascote Primary for dinosaur themed workshops had an incredible learning experience. Similarly, Year 4 pupils at Dosthill enjoyed the di-

nosaur workshops delivered by staff from Drayton Manor. A group of upper Key Stage 2 children also relished a rocket themed workshop at Glascote Primary Academy.

On Friday 16th March, Year 3 performed for their parents and other family members showcasing their learning from the Spring Term. Once again, this was very well received and we were enormously proud of the children. **We were also delighted to host a teacher recruitment day on behalf on the MAT during the last week of term;** several new teachers were recruited who will be deployed across the MAT during the next academic year. **Finally, the Spelling Bee launch day proved another highlight;** we are now excitedly awaiting the finals where we will be competing against other schools within the MAT. This takes place at the end of the month and further details will be shared in due course.

And so we reach the start of the Summer Term with much to look forward to including Sports' Days, the Wow Learners presentations, welcoming new parents and carers to the school for children who will be joining the Nursery and Reception, the Year 6 residential and Leavers' Performance as well as annual School Reports to name just a few of the events in a packed calendar ...! **The Summer Term is also the most concentrated period for statutory tests and assessments:** Reception children will be assessed against the Early Learning Goals, Year 1 will complete the Phonics Check in June, Year 2 will be completing their 'special learning' and assessments during May and Year 6 will be completing their Standard Assessment Tests week beginning 14th May. On top of this, there will be further tests in all year groups in Mathematics (PUMA), Reading (PiRA) and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GaPS).

Cook's Corner

Welcome back, we are hoping the children are already enjoying the new menu this term.

We would like to remind you of Dosthill Academy's **Nutrition Activity Day** on **Tuesday 24th April** and we are hoping for a huge turnout!

There will be a morning assembly for parents presented by Chartwells' Expert Nutritionist Grace Scott that will include information about Upcoming Menus, Healthy Eating, Different Food Groups and the Chartwells Food For Life Scheme.

Grace will then be presenting workshops for KS1 including a Sugar Workshop and Smoothie Bike Demo and for KS2, Nutrition and Activity, What to Eat and What Not To Eat and Menu Planning workshops.

To end the day, the Catering Team will be providing Food Stalls and Menu Tasters from next term's Spring Menu for parents picking up their children with an opportunity to speak with Grace and myself about any queries you might have regarding allergies and nutrition.

If you are planning to attend, please contact the school to reserve a place either for the morning assembly, the afternoon food stalls or both!

For more information on your child's catering provider, please visit Chartwells' website www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Meet the Governors

My name is Hayley Miles and I was appointed as a Parent Governor just over 2 years ago. After studying at the University of Leeds and Birmingham City University, I initially worked within the Care Sector before moving into Education around 6 years ago and have found the pace of change in the sector challenging and at times, hard to keep up!

My children continue to thrive at the school as a result of the commitment of the staff who know them well and use their skills and interests to maximise their learning.

It has been a privilege to see Dosthill going through its own learning journey, and I look forward to embracing the opportunities that Fierté offer for our community. I continue to try to develop my knowledge and skills as a governor and have learnt so much about the challenges faced by schools currently, the creative ways they overcome these challenges and the care, compassion and attention that goes into teaching and caring for our children.



School Lunch Accounts

Unfortunately we have over £750 in outstanding dinner money debt, which is unacceptable. Dinner money accounts should always be kept in credit. Meals for pupils from Year Three upwards need to be paid for unless your child is entitled to a free school lunch.

Governors have decided on the following policy regarding unpaid meals:

- A meal will be served irrespective of whether the parent has paid.
- A basic meal (sandwich) only will be provided to pupils where the parent has not paid.
- A meal will be served until the arrears reach £20/9 meals, after which point no further meals will be served.
- A meal will never be served if payment has not been received in advance once a debt of £20 has been reached.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Lost Property and Lunch Boxes

We are asking for your help with reducing the amount of Lost Property and the increasing number of lunch boxes and drinks bottles that are left in school on a daily basis.

Could we ask that you name all clothing along with lunch boxes, to enable us to return them to the children if found, and enable us to reduce the amount of items that are placed in the lost property bins.

Upcoming Events

16th April	Nursery 1 Stay and play
17th April	F2DS Meeting—6:00pm
19th April	Nursery 2 Stay and play
19th April	F2DS Discos Reception 5:30pm Years 1& 2 6:30pm
24th April	Nutritional Activity Day
30th April	Trust Spelling Bee Final
4th May	Nursery 2 Stay and play
8th May	Nursery 1 Stay and play

Term dates

May day:

Monday 7th May 2018

Half term begins:

Monday 27th May 2018



Staying in touch

You can find our website at: www.dosthill.staffs.sch.uk

You can also follow us on Twitter at: [Learn@DosthillPS](https://twitter.com/Learn@DosthillPS)

We also have a **free App** that can be found on the App Store or Google Play. Simply search for Dosthill Primary School.

To register for free text and email alerts regarding school closures, please visit

<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/CustomerAlerts>

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